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Diarrhea, enteritis, and tuberculosis occupy the first rank in the list of diseases claiming the greatest number of victims.

The death rate in the city is equal to an annual rate of 24.59 per thousand; the island as a whole shows an annual death rate of 19.53, a considerable increase over the preceding month, the death rate of which has been corrected to 18.47, as in the city infantile enteritis has been particularly fatal, being responsible for about 20 per cent of the total number of deaths and claiming 17.70 victims per day.

Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Precautionary detentions—Scarlet fever

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, September 18, as follows:

During the week ended September 16, 1905, bills of health were issued to 5 vessels, the ultimate destination of which was a port in the United States.

Precautionary detention in quarantine while in this port was observed by the Cuban authorities against the Cuban steamship *Bayamo* from Tampico direct, the Norwegian steamship *Leander* from Mobile, via Habana and Cardenas, and the British schooner *Charlevoix* from Mobile. All of these vessels left for their respective ports of destination in good sanitary condition.

One case of scarlet fever in the district of Versailles, in this city, has been the only contagious disease officially reported during the past week.

Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Decrease in mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, September 19, as follows:

During the week ended September 16, 1905, bills of health were issued to 8 vessels bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

There were only 7 deaths reported last week. I can not account for this sudden and marked decrease in the mortality.

Mortality for the week ended September 16, 1905, 7.

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 8 per 1,000. Estimated population, 45,500.

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Reports from Guayaquil—Mortality—Smallpox—Inspection of vessels—Quarantine resumed against Panama on account of plague at La Boca—Mortality for month of August, 1905.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Gomez reports, August 30 and September 8, as follows:

Week ended August 29, 1905:

Present officially estimated population, 60,000. Mortality from all causes 44, as follows: Smallpox, 6; tuberculosis, 5; pernicious fever, 3; paludic fever, 2; infectious fever, 4; enteric diseases, 5; gastric fever, 1; from all other causes, 18.

Two bills of health were issued during the week. August 25, steamship *Santiago*, from Chilean and Peruvian ports, cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, with 7 cabin and 9 steerage passengers from here; 3 cabin

and 20 steerage passengers from ports south were placed in quarantine to complete ten days from port of last exposure. Passengers were all examined and also their baggage; 8 certificates of immunity were issued; vessel fumigated.

On August 26 steamship *Capac*, from New York, was dispatched for Puget Sound, Wash., with no passengers; vessel was fumigated. The superior board of health of this port has received a cablegram from Panama that a case of plague occurred at La Boca, Canal Zone, on the 24th instant, and has reestablished a quarantine and fumigation for all vessels and passengers coming from that port.

Week ended September 5, 1905:

Mortality from all causes 41, as follows: Smallpox, 1; tuberculosis, 5; meningitis, 2; pernicious fever, 2; gastric fever, 4; tetanus, 3; infectious fever, 3; nephritis, 2; dysentery, 2; measles, 1; enteritis, 2; from all other causes, 14.

One bill of health was issued during the week. September 2 steamship *Leti*, from Chilean and Peruvian ports, cleared for Ancon, Canal Zone, with 15 cabin and 2 steerage passengers from this port. Seven cabin and 14 steerage passengers from ports south were placed in quarantine to complete ten days from port of last exposure. Passengers were all examined, also 48 pieces of baggage. The vessel was fumigated, and 12 certificates of immunity were issued.

The coasting steamer *Ecuador*, plying between Ancon and this port, arrived here on the 4th instant, with one of her crew sick. Man died next day without known diagnosis. The superior board of health has ordered the ship to leave the port and remain in quarantine for ten days at Punta Arenas, at the mouth of the Gulf.

During the month ended August 31, 1905, the total mortality was 209, of which 2 deaths were from yellow fever and 16 from smallpox. For the same period last year the total mortality was 240, of which none were from smallpox and 9 from yellow fever.

GERMANY.

Reports from Berlin—Plague in Turkey and Egypt.

Consul-General Mason reports, September 8, as follows:

Plague.

Turkey.—The total number of cases of plague in Adalia now amounts to 6 (and 2 deaths).

Egypt.—During the week ended August 12 there were registered 20 fresh cases of plague (with 11 deaths), of which 18 cases (10 deaths) occurred in Alexandria and 2 cases (1 death) in Port Said. During the week ended August 19 there were registered in Alexandria 8 new cases of plague (and 5 deaths). During the period from August 19 to August 26 there occurred 5 new cases of plague (and 4 deaths), namely, 4 cases (3 deaths) in Alexandria and 1 case (1 death) in Port Said.

Death rate of Berlin and other cities.

The death rate of Berlin for the week ended August 26 was lower than it has been since the end of July, amounting, calculated on the year, to 20.1 per thousand of the population, compared with 24.2 in